



UMMen Meals for Millions
 Society of St. Andrew
 3383 Sweet Hollow Road
 Big Island, VA 24526

Some Hunger Facts:

- 35 million Americans live below the poverty line and must often rely on food assistance programs.
- 840 million people globally experience hunger, many suffering from malnutrition. That is one-seventh of the global human family.
- Globally, 29% more food is produced each year than is needed to provide for the nutritional needs of every person on the planet.
- About 20% of the food commercially grown in the U.S. is left behind in farmers' fields to rot due to market forces or cosmetic reasons.
- One in five people seeking emergency food assistance in American cities was turned away because there was no food to give them.

Something to ponder...



According to a 2003 report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, an additional investment of \$24 billion per year will halve world hunger by 2015 and ultimately end it.

By contrast, here are some things we spend our money on in the U.S. each year:

- Beer: \$ 45 Billion
- Legal gambling: \$ 550 Billion
- Pet products \$ 31 Billion
- Weight control products \$ 33 Billion
- Candy \$ 24 Billion
- Cosmetic products \$ 30 Billion
- Soft drinks \$ 60 Billion
- Ice Cream \$ 20 Billion
- Snack foods \$ 18 Billion
- Fast foods \$ 103 Billion

**We can end hunger in America
 and across the globe
 to the glory of God!**

Place
 Stamp
 Here



Society of St. Andrew

**GLEANING AMERICA'S FIELDS
 FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY**

The Society of St. Andrew is a non-profit ecumenical Christian ministry dedicated to fighting hunger in our nation and the world. Formed in 1979 by two United Methodist pastors, the Society of St. Andrew is an Advance Special mission project of the United Methodist Church. The Society works primarily to salvage fresh produce that would otherwise go to waste and deliver it to people in need. Through the Society of St. Andrew's *Potato Project*, about 20 million pounds of produce are salvaged annually to provide 60 million servings of food to food banks, soup kitchens, Native American reservations, and other distribution agencies for free. *Harvest of Hope* and the *Gleaning Network* also salvage millions of pounds of food from farmers' fields and deliver it to the nation's hungry.

The ministries of the Society of St. Andrew deliver food to the nation's hungry at a cost of about a penny per serving.

Visit www.endhunger.org for more information

Contact Information:

THE SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW
3383 Sweet Hollow Road
Big Island, VA 24526
800-333-4597
development@endhunger.org

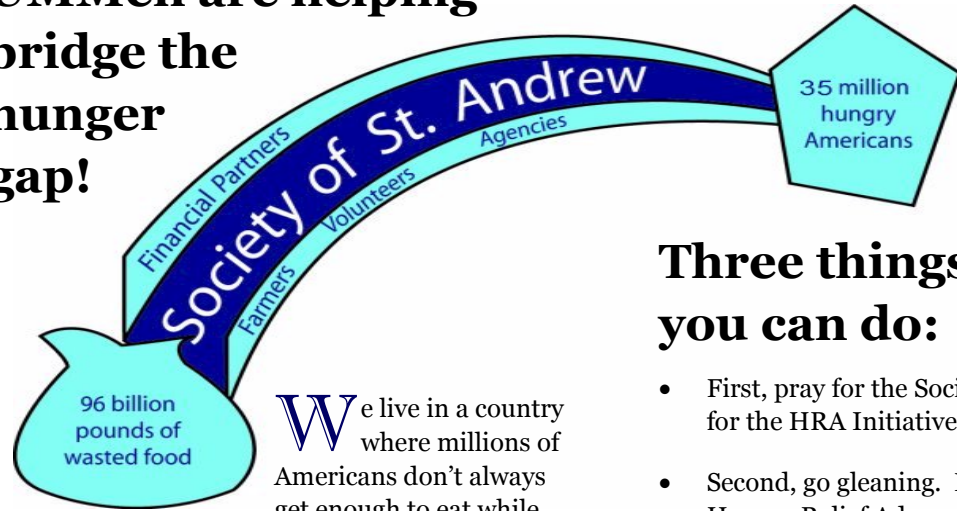


Meals for Millions



www.gb-gm-umc.org/mfm
 Advance Special #982225

UMMen are helping bridge the hunger gap!



96 billion pounds of wasted food

We live in a country where millions of Americans don't always get enough to eat while billions of pounds of perfectly edible food are left behind in farmers' fields to rot. It does not have to be that way!

United Methodist Men have joined with the Society of St. Andrew through the Hunger Relief Advocate Initiative to help bridge the hunger gap in America. The goals of the HRA Initiative are:

1. To engage United Methodist Men in leading the church to end hunger in America.
2. To establish a Hunger Relief Advocate in each annual conference in the U.S.
3. To provide 54 million more servings of food annually to the poor than what is currently done through the Society of St. Andrew's Potato Project.
4. To provide another 90 million servings of food to the poor through new local gleaning ministries established by Conference HRAs.

Help us bring this vision into reality!

Three things you can do:

- First, pray for the Society of St. Andrew and for the HRA Initiative.
- Second, go gleaning. If you do not have a Hunger Relief Advocate in your conference, call the Society of St. Andrew to find out how to set up a gleaning activity in your area.
- Third, make a financial contribution to *Meals for Millions*, which funds The HRA Initiative, by using the form in this brochure.

Conference HRA Duties:

- Establish a gleaning ministry within the Annual Conference.
- Network with churches and agencies to address hunger in America and globally.
- Educate the church about hunger and poverty and the Christian response to those issues.
- Mobilize the church to take action to end hunger in America.
- Bring church members into hands-on hunger ministry.

Take a stand today against hunger in America !

BECOME A CHALLENGE DISCIPLE:

A Challenge Disciple commits to feeding the poor and supporting the HRA Initiative by donating \$25 twice each year in response to a call letter in the spring and fall. Challenge Disciples receive our quarterly newsletter .

BECOME A HRA SPONSOR:

A HRA Sponsor is similar to a Challenge Disciple but donates \$50 twice each year in response to a call letter in the spring and fall. HRA Sponsors also receive our quarterly newsletter.

BECOME A CHALLENGE FELLOWSHIP:

Every UMMen fellowship can become a Challenge Fellowship by donating \$200 to *Meals for Millions* in support of the HRA Initiative. A Challenge Fellowship provides 20,000 servings of food to the hungry each year through their donation. A men's group's Challenge Disciples and HRA Sponsors count toward the group's Challenge Fellowship.

BECOME A HRA SPONSOR FELLOWSHIP:

Every UMMen fellowship that donates \$500 or more to *Meals for Millions* is recognized as a HRA Sponsor Fellowship as well as a Partner Church of the Society of St. Andrew. As with Challenge Fellowships, a group's Challenge Disciples and HRA Sponsors count toward its HRA Sponsor Fellowship.

Complete this form to make a commitment to support the HRA Initiative! You may make additional copies for all members of your UMMen unit. Please mail completed forms to *Meals for Millions* at the Society of St. Andrew's Virginia office (see reverse).

Response Form

Yes! I want to be a (check one):

Challenge Disciple! I will send a \$25 donation when I receive a call letter each Spring and Fall.

HRA Sponsor! I will send a \$50 donation when I receive a call letter each Spring and Fall.

Other amount \$ _____

Yes! Our Men's group pledges to support the HRA Initiative by sending in a donation to *Meals for Millions* before December 31st this year. Amount pledged (check one):

\$200 to become a Challenge Fellowship.

\$500 to become a HRA Sponsor Fellowship

Other amount \$ _____

Tell me how I can become a Conference HRA.

Tell me how to set up a gleaning event.

Please Print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Church Name: _____

District: _____

Conference: _____

SIGNED: _____

